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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

Immediately  
 they left their nets  
 and followed  
 him.

Mark 1:18



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2021**

**St. Joseph**  
 76950 Gum Street  
 Grosse Tete, LA 70740  
**Holy Mass:**  
 Sunday: 9:00am

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
 11140 Highway 77  
 Maringouin, LA 70757  
**Holy Mass:**  
 Saturday: 4:00pm  
 Tuesday — Friday: 8:30am

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**  
 3523 LA. Highway 78  
 Livonia, LA 70755-0128  
**Holy Mass:**  
 Sunday: 11:00am

**St. Catherine of Siena Mission**  
 4324 Railroad Avenue  
 Fordoche, LA 70732

**The TriParish Pastoral Center**  
 Located at Immaculate Heart of Mary  
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 pastoralcenter@triparishes.org : email  
 www.triparishes.org : web  
**Office Hours are Monday—Thursday**  
**8:30am—3:30pm**

## The Mass Readings for The Week of January 24, 2021

Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;

### Devotional Life in The TriParishes

MON	Post-Mass	Prayer for the Gifts of The Holy Spirit
TUE	Post-Mass	Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
TUE	9:00am	The Holy Rosary—Home of Ruby Hafford
TUE	4:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group—at St. Joseph Parish Hall
WED	Post-Mass	Devotion to St. Joseph
WED	6:00pm	The Holy Rosary
THU	Post-Mass	Litany of Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim / Vocations
FRI	Post-Mass	Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Vocation

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood or religious life? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

### In Memoriam

John Marionneaux died January 13, 2021 and was interred at St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery.

Rita Chustz died January 16, 2021 and was interred at St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery.

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord,  
And Let the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.*

### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for these Intentions the Week of January 24, 2021

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** in loving memory of Rhonda Pourciau

**St. Joseph:** in loving memory of Lorraine Crotwell

**St. Frances:** in loving memory of John Marionneaux

**St. Catherine:** in loving memory of Rita Chustz by St. Frances Ladies Altar Society



### Thoughts along the way

Fr. Amrit Raj

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All the readings of today underline our absolute need of repentance and our immediate need for a prompt response to God's call.

The first reading tells us how God had to deal with the disobedient, fleeing prophet Jonah to turn him around (convert him), so that, repenting, he would go to Nineveh to preach repentance there. The wicked people of Nineveh accepted Jonah as God's prophet at once and promptly responded to God's call for repentance as Jonah preached it.

St. Paul in the second reading reminds the Christian community in Corinth to lose no time in accepting the message of the Gospel and in renewing their lives with repentance because Jesus' *second coming* may occur at any moment.

As we hear in the Gospel, Jesus started his ministry proclaiming: "*repent and believe in the Gospel.*" Just as John did, Jesus also called for *repentance*, meaning a change in one's mind or in the direction of one's life and setting new priorities. Repentance also means hating sin itself, not just being sorry for the consequences of one's sins. *Believing* in the Gospel demands from the hearers a resolution to take Jesus' words seriously, to translate them into action, and to put trust in Jesus' authority.

The arrest of John the Baptist in today's Gospel is a strategic and political move because it can upset and unsettle Jesus. But Jesus, instead of considering the arrest as an obstacle, transforms it as the best opportunity to launch his mission. Now, to continue his mission, Jesus calls to himself certain persons.

Today let us concentrate on the response of those who were called. First of all, they somehow recognized the greatness of Jesus and felt a liberating and transforming force in his call. Secondly, they were willing to give up their present securities: family, wealth, and their familiar surroundings. And finally, their response to Jesus' invitation was immediate.

How do we respond to Jesus' invitation in our daily lives?

Best wishes!

*Fr. Amrit Raj*

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

-Mother Teresa



#MarchForLife

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**Youth and Young Adults in our TriParishes**

**Tri-Parish School of Religion Schedule**

**St. Frances Cabrini—2nd Grade ONLY**

Class on Tuesday, **January 26th**, at St. Frances Parish Hall from 5:00pm—6:00pm

Class on Tuesday, **February 9th**, at St. Frances Parish Hall from 5:00pm—6:00pm

Class on Tuesday, **February 23rd**, at St. Frances Parish Hall from 5:00pm—6:00pm

**St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary—  
2nd Grade ONLY**

Class on Thursday, **February 4th**, at Immaculate Heart Office in Maringouin from 5:00pm—6:00pm

Class on Thursday, **February 18th**, at Immaculate Heart Office in Maringouin from 5:00pm—6:00pm

**TriParish Confirmation Schedule**

**Class** on Sunday, **January 31st**, starting with 11:00am Mass at St. Frances

**Confirmation Practice** on Sunday, **February 7th**, after the 11:00am Mass at St. Frances. Mandatory for Candidate and Sponsor.

**Confirmation** on Thursday, **February 11th**, at 7:00pm at St. Frances.



"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.  
 Life is beauty, admire it.  
 Life is a dream, realize it.  
 Life is a challenge, meet it.  
 Life is a duty, complete it.  
 Life is a game, play it.  
 Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.  
 Life is a song, sing it.  
 Life is a struggle, accept it.  
 Life is a tragedy, confront it.  
 Life is an adventure, dare it.  
 Life is luck, make it.  
 Life is too precious, do not destroy it.  
 Life is life, fight for it."

— Mother Teresa

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**Your Stewardship for January 17, 2021**

<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	
Offertory Collection	\$1,358.00
<b>St. Joseph</b>	
Offertory Collection	\$2,442.00
<b>St. Frances</b>	
Offertory Collection	\$2,041.00

**ST. JOHN'S OPEN HOUSE**

**St. John School will host an on-campus Open House for prospective families with students in grades PreK3-12 on Thursday, February 4, at 6:00 pm. In order to keep groups small and maintain social distancing, families who would like to attend should make an advance reservation by emailing April Hedges at [ahedges@stjohnschool.education](mailto:ahedges@stjohnschool.education) with the names of the people who will be attending and the grade level of the prospective students in 2021-2022 school year.**

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 24, 2021

WATCH

**THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE**

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures portrays this great missionary saint!



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**LETTERS OF ST. PAUL**

Outside of Jesus, the greatest teacher of the faith was Paul the Apostle. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the great theologian known as the Apostle.

LEARN

LISTEN

**SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS WITH RANDALL SMITH**

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.

**FAITH & CULTURE**



**Saint Thomas Aquinas**

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

**Reconciliation (confession)** is celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday from 3:00—3:45pm. If you'd like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation outside the scheduled time, please call the office to arrange a time with the priest.

**Marriage** Couples are asked to contact the priest at least six months before the desired date.

**Baptism** Celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of each month. A Baptismal Seminar is required before a baptism can be properly scheduled. Please contact the parish office during early months of pregnancy.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick** Please call the parish office to arrange for Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.